



Alternate Channel

The newsletter for and about the members of the
LOUDOUN COUNTY FIRE AND RESCUE SYSTEM

MARCH 2002



**Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company at
the Loudoun County High School Fire.**

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- Co. 1 Patty Murphy-Csizmadia
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- Co. 3 Walter Van Praag
- Co. 4 Peggy Childs
- Co. 5 Jim Reed
- Co. 6 Kay Parker
- Co. 7 Jeannie Cooper
- Co. 8 William D. Schwartz
- Co. 9 Sara Chamblin Case
- Co.10 Linda Hobbie
- Co.11 David Short
- Co.12 Greg Dailey
- Co.13 Amy Harper
- Co.14 Sue Johnson
- Co.15 Wilma Grant
- Co.16 Jim Dunagin
- Co.17 Rodney Krone, Jr.

Memorial Wall For September 11th

September 11, 2001 is a day that will live in our minds forever. Most of us have done something to support the victims or families of the victims in some way. Hamilton's Company 5 and 17 showed their company and county support at ground zero in New York City.

On December 11, 2001 Betsy Creamer, Chip Justis and Brett Choyce arrived on the site of even the best incident commanders' worst nightmare to place company and county insignia on the make-shift memorial wall. We know that this is only a small token of support but I believe that the main goal is to give hope to those in New York City.

Submitted By: Rodney Krone, Co. 17



Items from Loudoun County placed at the make-shift memorial wall at ground zero.

ANNUAL FIRE & RESCUE SERVICE AWARDS BANQUET

THURSDAY, MAY 16, 2002

6:00 P.M. RECEPTION 7:00 P.M. DINNER
HOLIDAY INN/CARRADOC HALL, LEESBURG

Cash Bar

COMPANY NEWS

Company 10:

The end of the year 2001 marked 41 years of service to our community. Special thanks to all of our members and to our career staff for helping to make it a successful year.

We held our annual awards dinner on January 26. Our auxiliary members presented us with telescoping rams, hoses and a manifold for the hurst tool that they gave us last year. They also gave us a 31" television.

Our auxiliary has been very busy with their basket bingo games. In addition to the regular monthly bingo, they were host to a benefit basket bingo for Chad Lamm, a young man in our community who was injured in an auto accident late in the summer. They presented the Lamm family with \$2,600.00 to help with medical expenses. Basket bingo is held at station 10 the first Friday of every month at 7:00 pm. All of the baskets are filled with lots of surprises so come on out and try your luck.

Special thanks to our auxiliary for all their hard work and support.

Watch for our annual machinery sale coming up in early April. Items are accepted on consignment or by donation. For more information please call Bud Greenfield at 703-777-3201 or Jimmy Goss at 703-777-1363.

Submitted By:

Linda Hobbie, Co. 10

Company 11:

The Sterling Volunteer Fire Company (SVFC) recently purchased three thermal imaging cameras – bringing this life-saving technology to the Sterling community for the first time.

Thermal imaging cameras use infrared sensor technology to see heat rather than light, restoring vision and guiding firefighters through dense smoke. Imagers not only help locate victims, but they also enhance firefighter safety by detecting impending dangers within the structure. By employing this flexible technology, firefighters can quickly pinpoint the source of a fire and locate hot spots that might re-ignite, translating into reduced property loss.

SVFC President David Short says that the imagers will transform the way firefighters approach their life-saving work. "Firefighters used to search burning buildings on their hands and knees," said Short. "With the help of this technology, they can see through smoke, cutting search time by more than 75 percent, increasing their chances of saving lives."

Funds supporting the purchase of these thermal imaging cameras came from the residents of Sterling, collected during the company's annual fund drive. The total cost of this equipment was \$45,000.

***Note:** If you would like a demonstration or further information, contact Robert Pye.*

Child Safety Seat Inspections Fire & Rescue Locations

Middleburg Co.3	(540) 687-3001
Aldie Co.7	(703) 327-6712
Arcola Co.9	(703) 327-2222
Ashburn Co.6	(703) 729-0006
Hamilton Co.5	(540) 338-6001
Leesburg Co.1/20	(703) 771-9103
Loudoun Co.13	(703) 777-7185
Lovettsville Co.12	(540) 822-5258
Lucketts Co.10	(703) 777-9344
Purcellville Co.14	(540) 338-4706
Round Hill Co.4	(540) 338-7982
Sterling Co.11	(703) 430-7010
N. Sterling Co.18	(703) 430-4013

***A BIG THANK YOU
to Companies
1, 10, 11, 14 & 17
for your articles!***

***Please keep the articles
and photos coming!***



Happy St. Patrick's Day!

APRIL 2002

Regularly Scheduled Monthly Meetings of the Loudoun County Fire & Rescue System

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Companies 1,3,5,6,11,16	2 Fire-Rescue Commission	3 Companies 13 & 17	4 Company 15	5	6
7 Company 14	8 Companies 2,7,8,9,12 BLS	9 Rescue Chiefs	10 Company 10 Retention & Recruitment	11	12	13
14	15 Company 1 ALS Committee	16 EMS Council	17 Fire Council	18	19	20
21	22 Companies 4 & 8	23	24 Peer Review Committee	25	26	27
28	29	30 Fire-Rescue Commission Workshop				
SCHEDULED FIRE & RESCUE TRAINING						



March 3 & 10, 2002:

NFPA 1403

Live Fire Helper Training, &
Training Safety Officer

AHA CPR-Healthcare Provider

Class #2-March 16, 2002

Class #3-May 19, 2002

Class #4-July 20, 2002

Class #5-August 18, 2002

Class #6-October 19, 2002

Class #7-December 8, 2002



Loudoun County Fire-Rescue System Recognized

During the Board of Supervisor's meeting on Tuesday, January 22, 2002, the United States Navy recognized the Loudoun County Fire-Rescue system for their efforts on September 11 at the Pentagon. On behalf of the Secretary of the Navy, Rear Admiral Daniel R. Bowler, Director, Warfare Integration and Assessment, presented members of the Loudoun County Fire-Rescue system with a letter of appreciation for the assistance provided during the recovery operations at the Pentagon.

In addition, Admiral Bowler presented the Loudoun County Fire-Rescue system the "Lone Sailor" plaque as a tribute to men and women of the system who made selfless sacrifices during a crucial time for the Navy and our Nation. This plaque personifies the sacrifices, courage and commitment of Navy people, past, present and future.

Ashburn Volunteer Fire & Rescue Station # 6

Pancake Breakfast

March 3, 2002

8:30 a.m. to 12:00 noon

\$6.00 Ages 9 thru 64

\$3.00 Ages 2 thru 8

\$5.00 Ages 65 and up

Basket Bingo

March 16, 2002

Doors Open at 6:30 p.m.

Games Begin at 7:30 p.m.

Come join the fun!

THE SECRETARY OF THE NAVY THE CHIEF OF NAVAL OPERATIONS

WASHINGTON, D. C.

21 December 2001

Chief Robert P. Griffin, Jr.
Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue
16600 Courage Court
Leesburg, VA 20175

Dear Chief Griffin

Please accept the sincere appreciation of the entire United States Navy for the extraordinarily courageous and untiring service the Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue provided in the wake of the 11 September terrorist attack on the Pentagon.

From the initial dark hours through the difficult days and weeks that followed, you stood shoulder to shoulder with us united in the common purpose of rescuing our fallen comrades. The uncommon determination and professionalism universally displayed by the members of the Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue made possible Navy's recovery from the devastation of these events and are a testament to the true spirit and strength of your extraordinary organization.

The image of the Lone Sailor, that of a seagoing veteran standing ready for service in a faraway port, personifies the sacrifices, courage and commitment of Navy people past, present and future. On behalf of our Navy family, we present this Lone Sailor to the men and women of the Loudoun County Department of Fire and Rescue as a lasting tribute to your valiant sacrifices and selfless dedication at a time crucial to our Navy and our Nation. History will long remember the common bonds we forged in the first battle of the war against terrorism.

With deepest gratitude,

VERN CLARK
Admiral, U.S. Navy
Chief of Naval Operations

GORDON ENGLAND
Secretary of the Navy

Loudoun County Fire & Rescue Commission

**Doug Rambo, Chairman; Bill Schwartz, Vice Chairman;
Jack Merritt, Treasurer**

**Robert Dryden, Karen Wenner, James Csizmadia, Allie Love, Ray Muth
Bob Griffin, Chief, Loudoun County Department of Fire & Rescue Service
Donald A. Sabella, M.D., Medical Director
Patricia Russell, EMS Advisory Council Chair**

Loudoun County High School Structure Fire

On Tuesday night, January 22nd LCFR ECC received a call from a passerby reporting a structure fire at 415 Dry Mill Rd, SW, Loudoun County High School in the town of Leesburg. Engine companies 1, 5, 6, Truck 1 and Ambulance 13 were dispatched at 23:33 hours and the first arriving fire unit was on scene within 6 minutes reporting heavy smoke from side C of the structure. Chief 1 went into command and immediately requested a second alarm response. Units responding on the second alarm were Engine companies 10, 2, 7, Truck 2 and Canteen 1.

The crew from Engine 1 forced entry on side D of the structure, advancing a 2-1/2" leader line branched out to a 1-3/4" attack line, made their way to the school administrative offices on the 1st floor where they encountered a large volume of fire in several rooms. The fire was extinguished within 20 minutes of the first arriving fire units. Some units remained on the scene until shortly after 06:00 performing salvage and overhaul efforts and assisting the Fire Marshall's office.

Thanks to an alert passerby and the swiftness of the responding units the fire damage was contained to the administrative offices of the school. The first and second floors sustained smoke damage and the first floor sustained quite a bit of water damage due to a couple of activated sprinkler heads.

Company 1 wishes to thank all of our members who assisted on this incident, as well as, all of the first and second alarm companies, the Fire Marshall's office, Loudoun 1 and Admin 1. A special thank you goes out to OEM 1 for assisting Chief 1 at the command post.

Article Submitted by Tom Goss (AC1)

Photos Supplied by Charles Speacht



Fire-Rescue Photo ID Cards

Photographs for the ID cards are taken by the Communications Division. Please call 703-777-0637 prior to coming to have your photo taken to ensure the dispatchers are not busy. You will not receive your card at that time. The ID cards will be processed and sent to your station.



Firefighters working inside Loudoun County High School.

NEED VOLUNTEER COMPANY NEWS AND PHOTOGRAPHS

Csizmadia and Fiske Honored for LVFC Support

Mayor BJ Webb honored Jimmy Csizmadia and Billy Fiske this past Wednesday evening at the town counsel meeting when she presented to two with certificates of appreciation for their service to the town. This follows the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company annual Awards and Installation Banquet where the two members were honored with special recognition awards.

Chief Wayne Whetsell presented the 2001 John C. Carr Firefighter of the Year award to Jimmy Csizmadia. During the past year, Jimmy has worked on several special projects in addition to his regular duties as a member and representing the fire company first on the Loudoun County Fire Counsel and currently on the Loudoun County Fire Commission, all while battling Hodgkin's disease.

The Thomas W. Donohoe Lifetime Achievement award, a new award this year, was given to Billy Fiske, an active volunteer for more than 40 years. Fiske is a charter member of the Loudoun County Volunteer Rescue Squad, an adjunct instructor for Virginia state fire programs, former chief of the Leesburg Fire Company and a former representative on the Loudoun County Fire Rescue Commission.

Congratulations to Jimmy and Billy!

Volunteer Serving in Afghanistan



Matt Breeden, member of the Leesburg Volunteer Fire Company.

Company One member Matt Breeden, and the son of Terry and Mary Frye, entered the United States Army in September 1999. He completed his basic training in Fort Benning, Georgia and is trained in Infantry Airborne Assault. Matt is currently in the 2nd Battalion 187th Brigade of the 101st Airborne Division of Fort Campbell, Kentucky.

On January 5, 2002 the 101st Airborne Division along with the 187th Brigade were deployed to Afghanistan to relieve Marine units and rid out terrorism.

Anyone wishing to write Matt, his mailing address is:
SPC Breeden, Matthew D.
B Co. 2/187th INF. REGT.
APO AE, 09355

We all wish Matt the best!

CAD Streets (January 2002)

Coton Commons of Lansdowne, Co.6 1st Due Area:
Coton Manor Dr

Dulles Airport, Dulles 1st Due Area:
Flight Line Rd
Tank Farm Rd

Dulles Trade Center, Co.9 1st Due Area:
Rock Haven Wy
Trade Center Pl

Eden Subdivision, Co.18/Co.25 1st Due Area:
Sutherlin Pl

Jefferson Village, Co.18/Co.25 1st Due Area:
Blue Heron Tr
Mallard Point Tr

Kirkpatrick Farms, Co.9 1st Due Area:
Diligence Ct
Possibility Wy

Le Bourget Business Park, Co.11/Co.15 1st Due Area:
Flight Crew Dr
Loudoun Parkway Center, Co.6 1st Due Area:
Ashley Inn Tr
Dexter House Tr
Simonet Blanc Tr

Simpson Farm, Co.12 1st Due Area:
Simpson Farm Ln

The Villages at Round Hill, Co.4 1st Due Area:
Bristol Tr

Company 14:

Purcellville Volunteer Rescue Squad would like to announce placing in service our new ambulance, a 2001 Horton Ford F-350. This unit becomes ambulance 14-2 which replaces our old 1989 unit. If anyone is interested in buying an old ambulance, contact us.

We would also like to take this opportunity to congratulate two of our members, Sheila Williams and David Swartz for passing the recent CT class. Both are in the stages of precepting at this time.

Co. 14 is in the final stages of finalizing the financing and drawings for our new facility, which will be located at the corner of Route 287 and 7. We know that several of our sister companies have gone through this process. If you have any advice – we'd love to hear from you. Wish us luck!

Would like to announce our Officers for 2002:

President: Amanda Bowers
Vice President: Linda Curtis
Secretary: Laurie Ivanhoe

Treasurer: Kitty Dugay
Chief: Bill Wilkinson
Asst Chief: David Swartz
Captain: Sheila Williams
Lieutenant: Lisa Raper

*Submitted By:
Sue Johnson, Co.14*



Company 14's new ambulance, known as 14-2, is a 2001 Horton Ford F-350.

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